

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the Office Action dated May 17, 2007, are respectfully requested in view of this amendment. By this amendment, claim 17 has been amended. Claims 1-17 are pending in this application, with claims 13-16 withdrawn from consideration.

In the Outstanding Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1 – 12. This indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

The Examiner also rejected claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, for its use of the term “connectable.” In a telephone conference between Applicants’ Representative and the Examiner on June 18, 2007, it was indicated that the removal of the phrase “connectable to the optical device and” would obviate the rejection and place the claim in condition for allowance. The Examiner’s willingness to expediently conduct this interview by telephone, and his further indication of allowable subject matter, are again noted with appreciation.

The above amendments remove the phrase “connectable to the optical device and” from Claim 17, thereby rendering the claim allowable. This amendment is made only to remove language from the claims which might otherwise render the claim indefinite, and should not be construed as a surrender or waiver of any subject matter. Applicants submit that the scope of amended Claim 17 remains at least as broad after this amendment as it was before this amendment.

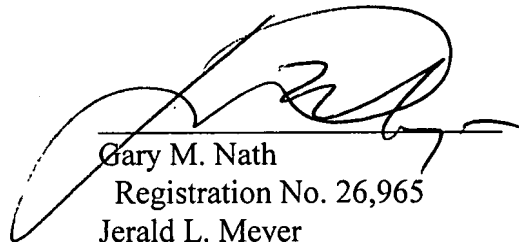
CONCLUSION

As claims 1 – 12 are already allowed, Applicants submit that the complete application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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